| 1  | A I believe that at that time we were only at one            |
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| 2  | bid a day, and I think it was 9:30. In the east coast it     |
| 3  | was 10 a.m., East Coast Time, or, no, a little later than    |
| 4  | that 'cause see you I think it was 10 or 11 East Coast       |
| 5  | Time, and then we had the withdraw period between 2 and 2:30 |
| 6  | in the afternoon.                                            |
| 7  | And the reason I can recollect very well is                  |
| 8  | because since I took over, since round 12, then we moved to  |
| 9  | three, four, or five rounds and, you know, towards the last  |
| 10 | month of April and May, I remember having to get there at    |
| 11 | 6:00 in the morning to be able to be all these rounds.       |
| 12 | Q No, I understand. I was just saying if you did             |
| 13 | recall what time the bids had to be submitted. That's fine.  |
| 14 | Okay, on January 23rd when Mr. Easton did call               |
| 15 | you, how long of a phone call was that?                      |
| 16 | A It was maybe five minutes.                                 |
| 17 | Q And can you recall with some specifics of what he          |
| 18 | said to you?                                                 |
| 19 | A He said that that an apparent mistake had been             |
| 20 | shown up at the FCC server, a mistake on the FCC side. I     |
| 21 | said, you know, I'm going to be getting calls from the       |
| 22 | press. And he said, yes, you should. Well, what is the       |
| 23 | company's position at this point? Well, what did happen?     |

I questioned how could that have happened, and he

He said it was -- you say it was on the FCC side.

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- said something about the server and giving some sort of
- technical explanation that I could not repeat because I did
- not understand, and to this day I won't believe it, now
- 4 definitely believe that explanation. And that was about it.
- 5 And, well, I was more interested in saying, well, let me see
- 6 what was submitted. And he faxed it to me. And he said he
- 7 had already called the FCC and that he was talking to
- 8 Wilkinson Barker, and Mike Sullivan at that point.
- 9 Wilkinson Barker.
- 10 Q And at this time did you know whether or not Mr.
- 11 Easton had any type of technical background where he would
- 12 understand computers?
- 13 A Oh, yeah. I know that his background. He's an
- 14 engineer. He's an electrical engineer from school that is
- right here in Maryland. What's the name of the school?
- 16 It's a good school. One of the -- I don't know if it's
- 17 necessary, I do -- I know that he has also an MBA. Ι'π
- 18 sorry. A Master's in telecommunications.
- 19 O So at first you accepted his technical
- 20 explanation. Even if you didn't understand it, you accepted
- 21 it because you knew he had a technical background?
- A Exactly. I have to say he was also a professor,
- you know, in engineering, and, yeah, he explained in very
- 24 complex ways. He did it more than once, none of which I
- 25 understood.

- 1 Q But he specifically did tell you that the mistake
- 2 was on the FCC side?
- 3 A Those were his words.
- 4 Q What was his demeanor when you were speaking to
- 5 him, if you could tell over the phone? Was he agitated?
- 6 Was he calm? Was he angry?
- 7 A I would say agitated. I would say breathing, I
- 8 don't want to say hyperventilating because it sounds more --
- 9 basically like someone that ran up the stairs and answer the
- 10 phone. That's the best I can explain it, the best way I can
- 11 describe it.
- 12 Q And at the time he spoke to you he had already
- called the FCC and he had already called Mike Sullivan?
- 14 A I believe, yes.
- Do you know if he had already spoken to Mr. Breen?
- 16 A No, I wouldn't know.
- 17 Q He didn't say anything about Mr. Breen?
- 18 A No, he didn't mention Mr. Breen.
- 19 Q At this time, on January 23rd, were you aware that
- 20 before bids were submitted to the Commission that he would
- 21 initial and put a time and date on a computer printout of
- the proposed bids and they would be cross checked with what
- was going to be submitted to the Commission?
- A No, frankly, no. What I got and that he told me
- 25 he faxed to the FCC to me was just trying to evidence that

- A No, I didn't have -- I thought it was a very good
- procedure, and, frankly, I assume it was parts of Romulus,
- you know, that we were paying this flat fee for, to come up
- with implementation way, some, some way, some procedure that
- 5 errors will not occur.
- 6 Q And Mr. Easton did fax -- Mr. Easton did fax
- 7 something to you on the 23rd?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q Did that show an \$18 million bid for Norfolk or
- 10 did it show a \$180 million bid?
- 11 A It showed an \$18,060,000 bid for the Norfolk,
- 12 Virginia market.
- 13 Q And did that have a -- what was sent to you have
- 14 Mr. Easton's initials and a date and time on it?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q What did you do after this phone call ended?
- A Okay, after that phone call ended I immediately,
- well, at that time it was Mr. Richard Reiss, because I
- couldn't find Mr. Fred Martinez, who was in the -- he was in
- a meeting outside the office.
- Now, remember, it's 5:00 now, so the only one I
- 22 could get a hold of was Richard Reiss. I remember talking
- 23 to Terry again that night, but I don't remember what we were
- 24 talking about other than -- no, it was just more of the same
- 25 stuff.

| 1  | Q But you did speak to Mr. Easton again on the 23rd?         |
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| 2  | A Yes, at 8:00 at night, or around 8:30 because it           |
| 3  | was on my cellular, and I remember the call. He called me.   |
| 4  | And basically what we were talking about was the whole thing |
| 5  | and, gee, how can they charge us with such a big fee or      |
| 6  | penalty. It was just a mistake. That's what's in my mind     |
| 7  | when we talked a little bit, and nothing significant.        |
| 8  | However, the next morning, at 9:00 in the morning,           |
| 9  | I met with Fred Martinez, and Mr. Richard Reiss and Mr.      |
| 10 | Larry Odell. Their offices are across from mine at that      |
| 11 | moment, and we immediately called I'm not sure who we        |
| 12 | talked to. I think we talked to counsel, to Wilkinson        |
| 13 | Barker at that time, Mike Sullivan and Larry Moushin, and    |
| 14 | asking, you know, what could it be.                          |
| 15 | We also talked to Terry for a better explanation,            |
| 16 | when actually the explanation, I won't say it didn't satisfy |
| 17 | us, I have to say we didn't understand it, and we asked for  |
| 13 | a written memo, tell us in a written memo what is it, what   |
| 19 | happened yesterday.                                          |
| 20 | And I haven't seen that memo in a long time, but             |
| 21 | it was a two page memo that he produced pretty quickly       |
| 22 | actually. Notwithstanding that saying we called for an       |
| 23 | emergency board of directors' meeting that same Saturday. I  |
| 24 | mean, this was Tuesday. We had a board of directors meeting  |
| 25 | the following Saturday.                                      |

- 1 MR. WEBER: Just, I guess, Ty, do you know if that
- 2 memo was part of the independent counsel report?
- MR. BROWN: It is. It's an appendix.
- 4 MR. WEBER: Right, I was making sure we had seen
- 5 it.
- 6 MR. BROWN: Yes.
- 7 BY MR. WEBER:
- 8 Q When you spoke to Mr. Easton the second time on
- 9 the 23rd around 8 or 8:30 that evening, how long of a phone
- 10 conversation was that one?
- 11 A Ten minutes. It was on my cell; maybe less.
- 12 Q Was it you or Mr. Easton that raised the topic of
- the Commission's bid withdrawal payment?
- 14 You said that there was a conversation about how
- can the Commission charge this?
- 16 A Yeah. No, I cannot tell you. I don't know if it
- was he or it was me. I think maybe it was me.
- 18 Q Did Mr. Easton at this point still state it was
- 19 the Commission's fault or did he state it was a mistake on
- the side of -- one of his mistake on the side of Romulus?
- A No, at that time he was still thinking or alleging
- 22 that it was on the FCC side. I think that conversation was
- 23 more of what are we going to do if we get this big fine.
- Q Can you recall the first time you spoke to Mr.
- 25 Breen regarding the overbid on January 23rd?

- 1 A On January 23rd, I never --
- Q Oh, no, about the overbid.
- A Oh, about the overbid.
- I don't think it was until Saturday. No. Yeah.
- 5 We had a management meeting. I talked to Quentin Thursday
- 6 and Friday because we flew in and started having a
- 7 management meeting prior to that, I believe, yes, on Friday,
- 8 actually it was really focusing on marketing, and the
- 9 positioning of our products and that kind of stuff.
- 10 Q And that would have been January 26th?
- 11 A That would have been -- yes, yes.
- 12 And I guess that around there we must have
- mentioned, because at the same time we were working on our
- 14 waiver request. So that would be -- that would be my
- recollection on the first day that we -- that we -- I don't
- remember specifically but I'm pretty sure. I mean, that
- was the only thing we talked about for four months.
- 18 Q On the 24th, when you were speaking to counsel,
- 19 was there ever -- and with Mr. Martinez and Mr. Reiss. et
- al., was there every any type of conference call where Mr.
- 21 Easton was on a call the same time that counsel was on the
- 22 call?
- 23 A Probably, yes. Yes.
- 24 Q You don't recall specifically?
- 25 A I don't recall specifically. I remember having

- conversations aside without Mr. Easton, but having them also
- 2 with Mr. Easton.
- 3 Q Did Mr. Easton say anything different about how
- 4 the mistake occurred on the 24th from what he told you on
- 5 the 23rd?
- A No, actually I think that the memo and what he
- 7 told me was pretty much consistent at that point.
- 8 Q And that was still that the mistake occurred on
- 9 the FCC side?
- 10 A Yeah, but it gets blurry at that point. Even, and
- I wish, I don't know if it's proper for me to refresh my
- memory by looking at that memo if you want me to, but I
- think it gets blurry at that point of whose mistake was it.
- 14 Q All right, we can probably get back to that. I
- will bring down a copy of the memo for you.
- Now, on January 26th, were you in San Mateo?
- 17 A Yes, I was.
- 13 Q And this was a PCS 2000 board of directors meeting
- 19 of some type?
- 20 A On the 27th, Saturday.
- 21 Yes, Unicom as general partner of PCS 2000,
- 22 Unicom.
- 23 Q Was there a meeting of the Unicom officials in the
- 24 San Mateo Group offices on January 26th?
- 25 A Yes.

- 1 Q And was Mr. Breen present --
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q -- at that meeting?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q Can you recall if there was a time where Mr. Breen
- 6 left the meeting for a period of time?
- 7 A Mr. Breen?
- 8 O Mr. Breen.
- A A few times, in and out. He smokes, and you
- 10 cannot smoke in the building.
- 11 Q Can you recall if there was a time -- on January
- 12 26th, did you know Cynthia Hamilton?
- 13 A I had met her a few times before briefly.
- 14 O Did you ever see Mr. Breen leave the meeting on
- the 26th to go speak to Ms. Hamilton?
- 16 A No. I saw Ms. Hamilton on the way out. The way I
- 17 was sitting in the -- I was having a very strong discussion,
- as a matter of fact, heated discussion to a certain point,
- over business not related to the -- and I did not see Ms.
- 20 Hamilton until she was actually on her way out. It's a
- 21 glass conference room. I remember I was sitting -- I would
- be on this side, Mr. Breen was across from me, Mr. Richard
- 23 Reiss was on my left, and Mr. Breen sit there, and I think
- there was someone else, maybe Eric Spackey, he was there
- 25 too. He is one of our team members on the management. And

- I didn't see her coming in. I saw her coming out with a
- friend, an African-American girl, whom I had never seen
- 3 before.
- 4 Q At any point on the 26th after Mr. Breen had left
- and came back into the meeting, did he ever make any
- 6 comments about that he had heard what had caused -- that
- 7 maybe he had heard a different story about what had caused
- 8 the overbid?
- 9 A Mr. Breen?
- 10 Q Mr. Breen.
- 11 A No, he never made a comment.
- 12 Q Did Mr. Breen make any comments that you can
- recall at all about the overbid in this January 26 meeting?
- 14 A No. Not that I -- January 26th? I want to make
- 15 sure it's a Friday. We're talking about the Friday before
- 16 the board meeting?
- 17 Q Right.
- 18 A No, I'm sure he didn't.
- 19 Q And then there was another board meeting then on
- 20 the 27th?
- A That was an emergency board meeting that we had,
- 22 and we scheduled it for Saturday because it was the quickest
- one we could have. We just flew in a couple day --
- 24 actually, I think we had already scheduled our management
- 25 team meeting, and we had to schedule that one and --

- 1 Q And -- I'm sorry. I didn't mean to interrupt.
- A No, it's just that it's very vivid in my mind
- because we make Mr. Larry Moushin and Mr. Frank Goldstein,
- 4 counsels, in a short notice, we made them fly into San Mateo
- 5 for that meeting.
- 6 Q And the reason for the emergency meeting was the
- 7 January 23rd overbid?
- 8 A Exactly.
- 10 January 27th board meeting?
- 11 A Yes, they were.
- 12 Q Did Mr. Easton make any type of presentation about
- how he believed the overbid occurred?
- A Yes, he did for a long time, long period of time.
- . 15 And at that time that was when things had changed regarding
  - where the mistake could have been. And he said that,
  - although he was responsible, that the mistake had been
  - committed by Cynthia Hamilton, and that she had left that
  - 19 day, and that she had not returned. I-took it like she lel
  - 20 the job.
  - 21 Q So he actually blamed Ms. Hamilton for the
  - 22 mistake?
  - 23 A Yes.
  - Q Did he say how she could have caused the mistake?
  - 25 A See, Mr. Easton is -- he's not clear when he

- explains things. He's not very -- when he explains to you
- 2 something, he's the kind of person that when you ask what
- time it is, he explained to you how the watch works, and
- 4 forgets about telling you the time.
- And at that time he talked about the Apollo -- how
- 6 he worked in Apollo 13, how -- but this is at the same time,
- the reason I say this is I'm not trying to be funny -- is
- 8 that when he's explaining the technical matters he's
- 9 diverting in all these different ways, and how there are
- similarities between the Apollo 13 and the actual mistake
- 11 bid and his responsibilities.
- So it's very hard for me to -- I mean, after that,
- you could have asked me this question a year ago, and I
- think I would have answered you the same way I am answering
- 15 you now because I wasn't clear.
- 16 Q Did anybody ask him why he initially stated it was
- 17 the FCC's fault for the mistake?
- 18 A No. we didn't ask him.
- I can tell you that personally I had already
- 20 discussed with him, and many other people, saying let's just
- 21 assume that it was the FCC's mistake. Let's just assume it
- for momentary, and I remember arguing this before, and I'm
- 23 not sure when, not necessarily on Friday, how are we going
- 24 to blame the FCC when they had two other successful
- auctions; one of which was \$7.1 billion in the AMB, and not

- a single mistake occurred. And we, small C Block company,
- 2 are blaming the FCC for it.
- And his response was, well, it's not even the FCC.
- 4 They have subcontractor on the computers, so the software's
- done by someone else, so it's not their fault, because for
- 6 me, from a public relations point of view saying I don't
- 7 think it's right. I mean, this is people who have done
- amazing work, and we are blaming them for one mistake that
- 9 maybe was on our side.
- I mean, and I have to be candid, it was strict
- 11 public relations kind of thing. But I was also trying to
- 12 get the truth at that point.
- 13 O And this conversation was somewhere between
- 14 January 23rd and January 27th?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q And at that point was Mr. Easton maintaining that
- it was the FCC's fault that there was a mistake?
- 18 A He come back and forth. It would be very hard to
- 19 read him especially when he's telling you all these other
- 20 stories, you know. But literally I will tell you he would
- 21 be back and forth.
- Q Was it at least clear to you that he was not
- taking any personal responsibility then for the mistake at
- 24 that point?
- 25 A Yes. Not until maybe that Saturday when he blamed

- 1 Cynthia, and disappear. I guess his management
- 2 responsibility was his. He did accept that.
- 3 Q Did he think that anything should be done to or
- about, or done to Cynthia Hamilton because she made a
- 5 mistake?
- 6 A No.
- 7 Q Did he have any recommendations, what actions
- 8 should be taken with regard to her?
- 9 A No. No.
- 10 Q Did he say that's why she left the company,
- 11 because she made a mistake?
- 12 A He made you believe that, or he positioned it in
- such a way that that's what you -- that made us believe
- that. Basically that she couldn't face the responsibility
- and therefore that she left work, you know.
- 16 Q At the January 27th board meeting, did Mr. Breen
- make any statements about the mistake?
- 18 A Not to my recollection.
- 19 Q Now, there came a time when you actually spoke to
- 20 Ms. Hamilton about the mistake, correct?
- 21 A Yes.
- Q Can you recall when that was?
- 23 A She called me on February 6th, I think it was.
- I'm almost certain, the day before, day after February 6th.
- The reason I go to that date is because I'm sure I remember

- the date that I had to fly, the date that we retained, well,
- 2 basically, the Young, Vogl, Wilson firm, and I think it was
- 3 February 6th.
- 4 Q Between January 27th and February 6th, did Mr.
- 5 Breen ever make any statements to you about the mistake?
- 6 A Certainly not.
- 7 Q Now, Ms. Hamilton was the one who initiated the
- 8 call? She called you?
- 9 A She called me at my office.
- 10 Q And can you recall what she told you?
- 11 A She said, "Javier, you're moving fast, but you
- 12 don't ..ave -- Price Waterhouse is not getting the whole
- 13 story. And as we speak Terry is erasing files."
- 14 That's what I -- although the conversation was
- awfully short, it seemed awfully long now when I recall it.
- And she said, and I asked her, "What do you mean?"
- 17 And she said, "Well, Price Waterhouse is there.
- 18 You sent Price Waterhouse to investigate the proceedings,
- but Terry is lying to Price Waterhouse, and he's erasing
- files as we speak, and that's not what happened that day."
- 21 And I said, "What happened that day?"
- "Well, Terry actually did not check, and was too,"
- I believe these are her words, "arrogant to do it the night
- before and to double check the Control P that was submitted.
- 25 He didn't -- not until he realized the mistake when it was

- too late, he then created a new Control P, or a new Screen
- 2 Preview, which is the one that you have, and you have seen.
- But I have the original one because I took it out of the
- trash can when I realized that he wanted to blame me for it.
- 5 And I realize that he made me call the FCC, and I dialed it
- for him, and those calls are recorded, and he was blaming
- 7 the FCC and telling them there was a power surge, and none
- 8 of that is true, Javier."
- And I asked her -- and then she told me, "And the
- 10 FCC knows this. I -- I filed before the FCC, and I prepared
- 11 an affidavit."
- And I remember mentioning the name Bill Kennard.
- 13 That was her contact. I don't know if I asked her or she
- 14 told me.
- 15 Immediately I asked her if she will be so kind to
- 16 fax the affidavit and the actual Control P that I had. I
- was more interested in the fax itself, in the -- not so much
- in the affidavit, but the original of what she says was
- 19 filed on that day and was uploaded that day, and that has
- 20 his initials because that would have given me proof exactly
- 21 what we were looking for. It would clear everything out.
- She said she would do it. She didn't have a fax
- in her home, but she had to go to Kinko's. I said,
- 24 "Perfect." You know, it will take her five minutes to go to
- 25 Kinko's. I said, "Perfect. Don't fax it here to my office.

- 1 Fax it to Mr. Martinez office. I'm going to be over there."
- I hang up with her. I call Mr. Martinez. I
- didn't even give an explanation, "Fred, I need to talk to
- 4 you, and please call Larry and Richard." They were all in
- the same building, and we got together in probably eight
- 6 minutes.
- 7 Literally as I was, and I was hyperventilating
- 8 that moment to Fred Martinez's office, 30 seconds later we
- 9 got the fax from -- from Cynthia. And it was exactly what
- she had said, what she had told me over the phone.
- I can continue to tell you what happened that day.
- 12 Q No. I mean, yes, we will go on to that. I want
- to go back for a moment.
- 14 You talked about she was saying Terry was lying to
- Price Waterhouse. What was Price Waterhouse doing at that
- 16 point?
- 17 A In the -- in the January 27 meeting, and after
- listening to Terr"s explanations, the board of directors
- decided that we needed, let's get a third party to see what
- happened, what really happened, and make sure that it won't
- 21 happen again. We really -- make sure it won't happen again.
- I suggested Price Waterhouse because they were our
- auditors and it could be done quickly. And we all agreed.
- 24 And it took some time, you know, to locate the right person
- 25 within Price Waterhouse. You know, we talked to the Price

- 1 Waterhouse Puerto Rico partners, and they located this
- person, and that we needed it, we needed it to be from the
- 3 west coast, and I think this person was out of L.A. or San
- 4 Diego, one of the two offices. I'm not sure.
- 5 And they were going an investigation on the
- 6 procedures. And we retained them for that purpose. So this
- 7 was the 27th.
- 8 Early the week -- the same week of the 6th, you
- 9 know, she called me like a day after Price Waterhouse had
- 10 been there.
- 11 Q And it was your suggestion to retain Price
- 12 Waterhouse?
- 13 A I didn't come up with the idea of getting some
- third party. I remember talking about Price Waterhouse.
- 15 Q Do you recall whose idea it was to get a third
- 16 party?
- 17 A In the midst of it, it could have been Mr. Fred
- 18 Martinez or Mr. Terry Easton himself. And somehow I feel
- that Terry participated -- well, he talked most of the time.
- I wouldn't doubt if he -- it was a joint thing. I'm not
- 21 sure. If we look back to the minutes, we will probably find
- 22 who was the motion, and who seconded it, or if it was
- 23 necessary a motion. Maybe we didn't need a motion for that
- 24 part.
- 25 Q On the 6th, when you were speaking with Ms.

- 1 Hamilton, did you ever mention to her that Mr. Easton said,
- 2 you know, "Cynthia, Terry says it's your fault," anything
- 3 like that?
- A I didn't have to say that, no. I think she was
- 5 pretty much aware of that. I didn't talk very much. I
- for remember only asking her, "Why do you come to me now? I
- 7 wished you had come before." And I'll never forget, she
- 8 said, "Well, Javier, I wasn't sure on what side you were
- 9 on." And I was so upset. But, I mean, I wasn't upset with
- 10 her at that moment. I had not reason to be upset at her.
- 11 That's actually how we ended the conversation, I'm
- 12 pretty sure.
- 13 Q Now, after -- now, how long did that phone
- 14 conversation last?
- 15 A It must have been five minutes. I'm pretty sure
- 16 it was four or five minutes.
- 17 Q After you got the fax from her, did you call her
- 18 back that day?
- 19 A I don't recall having to call her back. I think
- 20 it was -- the documents that she sent me were pretty -- I
- 21 think I called her back to thank her. But I'm not sure if
- 22 it was that same evening. I don't think so because we had
- 23 too many things going on.
- Q Did you speak to Mr. Easton that day?
- 25 A Yes.

- 1 Q Can you -- did you call him?
- 2 A Yes.
- Q Can you tell me about that phone call?
- A We -- it was from Fred Martinez office, and it was
- 5 Fred Martinez, he -- we said we had a fax that we want you
- to take a look at, I think, and then we want to talk to you.
- 7 And he waited on hold, and Mr. Breen was in that
- 8 conversation too.
- 9 And I am not sure if -- I think in that phone call
- 10 when we initiated it -- no, we did one first to tell him we
- were going to have a conference call in 10 minutes. We need
- to have a conference call, and by the way, Mr. Frank
- 13 Goldstein and Larry Moushin are going to be in that call.
- And then, you know, five minutes -- we had faxed
- it, and five minutes later we were having that conference
- 16 call. And basically Larry Moushin, especially Larry
- 17 Moushin, I recall, he was very good at examining or cross-
- 18 examining at that point what he had told us vis-a-vis what
- 19 we had in our hands at that point. "And Frank Goldstein
- participated in that conversation too.
- But basically that was a confrontation saying you
- 22 had been telling us all this other stuff, and we have these
- 23 documents. And we asked him to take a leave of absence at
- 24 that point.
- 25 Q And Mr. Easton was sent a copy of Cynthia

- 1 Hamilton's declaration at that point?
- 2 A Yes. And he tried to, you know -- I'm not sure
- 3 what the English word is -- when, you know, trying to find
- 4 false statements or inconsistencies within the affidavit,
- 5 and he didn't convince anyone.
- 6 Q And Larry Moushin at that point, he was here in
- 7 Washington, correct?
- 8 A Larry Moushin was in Washington, and so was Mr.
- 9 Frank Goldstein.
- 10 O And Mr. Breen and Mr. Easton were in California?
- 11 A In San Mateo, and Mr. Richard Reiss, Fred
- Martinez, Larry Odell and myself were in San Juan.
- 13 Q What did Mr. Breen have to say about Cynthia
- 14 Hamilton's declaration?
- 15 A Mr. Breen?
- 16 O Yes.
- 17 A He was very quiet. He didn't say a word. In that
- 18 conference, he didn't say a word; not that I recall.
- 19 Q Can you recall if Mr. Breen at any point ever said
- 20 to you that he had heard from either Cynthia Hamilton or
- 21 Ronit Milstein that Mr. Easton was fabricating what had
- 22 happened?
- A Definitely not. Definitely, no. I never heard, I
- 24 mean not prior to February 6th.
- 25 Q Did you hear after February 6th from Mr. Breen

- 1 (Whereupon, a recess was taken.)
- MR. WEBER: Back on the record.
- BY MR. WEBER:
- 4 Q We were discussing the erasing of files before we
- 5 went off the record.
- Did Ms. Hamilton state to you why she suspected or
- 7 how she knew Mr. Easton was erasing files?
- 8 A Yes. Someone from in the San Mateo office was
- 9 telling her. She was being -- she didn't say who.
- 10 Q Did you ever at any point discuss with Mr. Easton
- 11 the erasing of files?
- 12 A No. I -- I, however, I directed Mr. Wilson and
- 13 Leon Bloomfield, and explained that I was informed that they
- 14 were doing that.
- 15 Q And that's the independent counsel report,
- 16 correct?
- 17 A Yes. Yes, the people who did the independent
- 18 counsel report.
- 19 Q Was it after you received Ms. Hamilton's
- declaration that you decided to retain independent counsel?
- 21 A Yes. They actually in that same teleconference
- 22 that I talked to you about -- I quess we had another
- teleconference after we talked to Terry and asked him to
- 24 take a leave of absence. And then we -- we had another
- conference call, and I remember discussing who that counsel

- that I don't think he thought it was necessary, because he
- 2 was reluctant to take a leave of absence. So it was the
- 3 same thing regarding legal counsel.
- But I don't remember any specific that he would
- say, "No, we don't need it," or it's just a general feeling
- 6 that I have of that conversation.
- 7 Q Do you recall if Mr. Breen had any comment about
- 8 independent counsel?
- 9 A None. Not against it; not in favor of it. None.
- 10 He didn't talk very much during those meetings.
- 11 Q Did you give the independent counsel a deadline by
- which you wanted a report?
- 13 A No. We explained to them that we needed it fast.
- We -- we needed -- the faster the better, the quicker the
- 15 best. Those were the instructions.
- 16 Q Now, did you state before the last time you have
- 17 spoken to Mr. Easton was February 19th?
- 18 A Last time I have seen, yeah. That I talked and I
- have seen Mr. Easton, I can assure you was February 19th.
- 20 Since then I have not seen him, not talked to him.
- 21 Q You have had more regular contact with Mr. Breen
- 22 than that, correct?
- 23 A I had more contact with Mr. Breen until the end of
- the auction because I needed -- we need Breen there cause he
- 25 knew all the ins and outs of the auction software and how it

- 1 mentioned that to me. And the reason -- now I remember.
- 2 The reason that I would talk to her was we were coordinating
- 3 when the independent counsel could interview her. That was
- 4 the nature of our talks.
- 5 O Did there come a time where you learned that Ms.
- 6 Milstein had told Mr. Breen what Mr. Easton may have been
- 7 doing?
- 8 A No. And I had contact with her, but we -- she
- 9 actually, Ms. Milstein became what Cynthia was doing, keying
- in the computer. But never, no. I think I was -- to me the
- first time was what I read in the independent counsel's
- 12 report.
- 13 O Did you ever talk to Mr. Breen about what --
- 14 strike that.
- After you had learned from Ms. Hamilton that she
- 16 had talked to Mr. Breen, did you ever talk to Mr. Breen
- 17 about that?
- 18 A I recall a conversation in which Ms. Milstein and
- 19 Mr. Breen were present. I think it was around on the
- 20 preparation of the independent counsel's report and
- 21 everything that is coming out. I'm just mind bundled,
- 22 dumbfounded. I'm -- I mean, can you -- and I'm having a
- 23 casual conversation after, you know, another day ended, four
- 24 rounds went by, everything is fine. And now we just have to
- look for -- and we're waiting for the results to see what we

- got, who else -- you know, is anyone taking our markets, how
- 2 it's going.
- And I remember asking why would he do this? I
- 4 mean, it was so simply. Why did he -- I like to use an
- analogy, you know, why try to throw the crumbs of the
- 6 cookies under the carpet. I mean, we are all grown ups.
- 7 And I remember very clearly Quentin's, with Mrs.
- 8 Milstein, it was in the small office, saying, "For too long
- 9 we have been looking the other way at things that Terry has
- 10 been doing. For too long we have been -- we have been
- looking the other way." But that's the only conversation we
- 12 ever had.
- 13 Q And this was done prior to the -- I mean, this
- conversation was prior to the completion --
- 15 A Exactly.
- 16 Q -- of the independent counsel report?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q But after --
- 19 A It was in the midst of thema-
- 20 Q But after February 6th?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 O So it was somewhere in that time frame?
- 23 A Yeah.
- Actually, I think that Mr. Breen had just been
- interviewed when we had that conversation. And, of course,